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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Applicant : Carl Berger  
Serial No. : 10/719,295  
Filed : November 21, 2003  
For : METHODS OF REDUCING THE NICOTINE CONTENT OF TOBACCO PLANTS AND TOBACCO PLANTS OBTAINED THEREBY  
Examiner : S. Clardy  
Art Unit : 1617  
Confirmation No. : 3011  
Attorney Docket No. : 163.1.004

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March 8, 2006

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of September 29, 2005. Applicants are filing concurrently herewith a Petition for a three month extension of time extending the date for response to March 29, 2006.

Please amend the application as follows: